29th Annual USOE Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Contest

In honor of the birthday and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Utah State Office of Education's Educational Equity Section is pleased to announce the 29th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay and Video Contest.

ENTRIES FOR THE 2013 CONTEST (See instruction packet for complete details and requirements):

- An essay of 500 words or less or
- ❖ A video of three (3) minutes or less

2013 CONTEST THEME:

As you write your essay or create your video, reflect on the following quote and answer the three questions.

Quote: "In the process of gaining our rightful place we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred. We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline."

Questions:

- 1. How do you feel about Dr. King's quote?
- 2. What does this quote mean to you?
- 3. How can you use this quote to honor Dr. King and the legacy he left the world?

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS: 7th - 12th grade Utah students

CONTEST PRIZES:

- ❖ Awards will be given in two age groups: Grades 7- 9 and Grades 10 12
- Grand Prize winners:
 - ◆ Essay Category (7th 9th) \$100 cash prize & \$50 Smiths gift card
 - ◆ Video Category (7th 9th) \$100 cash prize & \$50 Smiths gift card
 - Essay Category (10th 12th) \$100 cash prize & Scholarship to Camp Anytown, hosted by the Utah Inclusion Center (six-day camp)
 - ◆ Video Category (10th 12th) \$100 cash prize & Scholarship to Camp Anytown, hosted by the Utah Inclusion Center (six-day camp)
- Grade Level winners:
 - ◆ Essay Category (four winners) —\$50 cash prize & \$50 Smiths gift card
 - ◆ Video Category (four winners) —\$50 cash prize & \$50 Smiths gift card
- ❖ In addition, all Grand Prize and Grade Level winners will be invited to attend the Winners Luncheon on Tuesday, January 15, 2013, at the Canyons School District Student Support Center (9361 South 300 East Sandy, UT), where they will receive their awards with a keynote presentation.

CONTEST DEADLINE: November 19, 2012. (See contest packet for entry form and submission details.)

<u>CONTEST INSTRUCTIONS PACKET AT</u>: http://schools.utah.gov/equity. Click on "Martin Luther King, Jr. contest" from main menu on the left.

<u>FOR HELP</u>: Contact your school library media specialist, educators, family members and/or local community resources such as Media Arts Production Studios.

<u>CONTEST QUESTIONS</u>: Amanda Charlesworth at 801-538-7640 or <u>Amanda.Charlesworth@schools.utah.gov</u> 2013 CONTEST SPONSORS:





